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C O N F I D E N T I A L YAOUNDE 3628

AID/W FOR ROBERT PARKER, D/AG/IIS; RABAT FOR MAGEE IIC/IIS;

FROM FINGERHUT/IIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: IIS CASE NO. 6152 (YAOUNDE)

REF: (A) RABAT 4901 (B) STATE 226362 (C) KINSHASA 7524

1. RSO ARRIVED 25 SEPTEMBER. COORDINATING INVESTIGATIVE
ACTIVITY PER REF (B).

2. MATTER, COMPREHENSIVELY PRESENTED REF (C), BEING ACTIVELY
PURSUED BY YAOUNDE COMMISSAIRE DE LA SECURITE PUBLIQUE,
SURETE NATIONALE AND EMBASSY.

3. RSO, IIS, DCM/CHARGE, AND EMBASSY ADMIN OFFICER MET WITH
COMMISSAIRE AT EMBASSY SUNDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER. AT THIS POINT,
ALTHOUGH INFORMATION AVAILABLE INDICATES NO CONCLUSIVE
EVIDENCE RE ALLEGATIONS THEFT OF US GOVERNMENT PROPERTY BY
EMPLOYEES REF (C), IT APPEARS THAT ALLEGATIONS HAVE A FIRM
BASIS. COMMISSAIRE HAS TAKEN STATEMENTS FROM SUSPECTS
AND ADVISED WILL PERMIT RSO AND IIS TO REVIEW ON TUESDAY
28 SEPTEMBER.

4. COMMISSAIRE ALSO PROVIDED WHAT APPEARS TO BE CONCLUSIVE
EVIDENCE RE PRIME SUSPECT TCN IBRAHIM SAID NEHILE BEING
INVOLVED IN IRREGULARITIES IN SALE OF POV'S BY US DIRECT
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HIRE EMPLOYEES:

(A) IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY 1976 GLEN G. SLOCUM, AID ASST. PROGRAM OFFICER, APPARENTLY SOLD HIS 1971 FIAT, MODEL 125, TO NHEILE. SLOCUM FILES AT EMBASSY DO NOT CONTAIN COPY OF BILL OF SALE. AMOUNT RECEIVED CFA 200,000 (US EQUIVALENT \$894.76) PAID BY RFC PARIS IN FEBRUARY 1976. SECURITE PUBLIQUE PERSONNEL SOMETIME DURING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12 FOUND THIS CAR IN NHEILE'S POSSESSION, STILL USING SLOCUM'S DUTY FREE PLATES, IT 4272. NHEILE, WHO DOES NOT HAVE DUTY FREE PRIVILEGES, PAID THE DUTY WHEN THIS WAS UNCOVERED BY THE SURETE.

(B) AT THE SAME TIME SURETE PERSONNEL FOUND IN NHEILE'S POSSESSION THE POV OF MICHAEL J. IRELAND, AID EMPLOYEE, FORMER DEPUTY ADMIN OFFICER ATTACHED TO EMBASSY YAOUNDE, JOINT ADMIN SUPPORT OPERATION: VOLVO, STATION WAGON, 1973, DUTY FREE LICENSE IT 5181. CERTIFICATE OF SALE DATED MARCH 2, 1976, IN EMBASSY FILES INDICATED PURCHASER WAS A MR. ABDUL REHMAN EL BADEN OF DOUALA, CAMEROONS. AMOUNT REALIZED FROM SALE, ALTHOUGH NOT SHOWN, REPORTEDLY CFA 800,000. ON MARCH 3, 1976, AN EXCHANGE VOUCHER REQUESTING CONVERSION OF CFA 870,055 (US EQUIVALENT \$3,875.52) WAS FORWARDED TO RFC PARIS REQUESTING THAT A US DOLLAR CHECK BE DEPOSITED IN IRELAND'S ACCOUNT WITH LAFAYETTE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION. COMMISSAIRE ADVISED AT MEETING THAT BASED UPON CHECK OF RECORDS OF ALL FOREIGNERS (IN THIS CASE LEBANESE) IN THE CAMEROONS, THE NAME OF THE PURCHASER WAS FICTITIOUS AND ACCORDING TO HIS RECORDS THE PERSON DID NOT EXIST. HE BELIEVED CAR WAS USED BY NHEILE PERSONALLY. NHEILE ADVISED THEM THAT THE MAN HAD LEFT THE COUNTRY; THEREFORE HE COULD NOT DELIVER IT TO HIM. THE COMMISSAIRE ADVISED THAT POLICE HAVE IMPOUNDED THIS VEHICLE.

(C) CURRENT DEPUTY ADMIN OFFICER STATES THAT HE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT WHEN DEPARTING AMERICANS WISHED TO SELL POV'S, NHEILE USUALLY ATTEMPTED TO INJECT HIMSELF AS A MIDDLEMAN TO LOCATE OR REPRESENT A PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER.

5. RSO/IIS PLANS INCLUDE (A) INTERVIEW OF NHEILE RE VEHICLE AND OTHER IRREGULARITIES AND (B) INVESTIGATE ALLEGED CONFIDENTIAL

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IRREGULARITIES OTHER EMBASSY AND AID EMPLOYEES.

6. REQUEST IIS/W CONSIDER INTERVIEW MICHAEL J. IRELAND CURRENTLY AID/W SPECIFICALLY RE POV SALE IN YAOUNDE TO DETERMINE HIS VERSION CIRCUMSTANCES OF SALE. ESSENTIAL DATA INCLUDED IN PARA 4(B) ABOVE.

7. PASS COPY TO STATE SY/SAS.

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